

May 5, 2003

**The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012**

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT DONATION OF A VAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS
(First District) (3-VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

**Accept the in-kind donation by the Friends of Patriotic Hall of a 2003 Chevy Astro
Van for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs valued at \$21,040.70.**

PURPOSE /JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

**This letter requests acceptance by the Board of an in-kind donation by the Friends of
Patriotic Hall valued at \$21,040.70 to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to be
used in supporting veterans services, public outreach, and patriotic and civic events.**

Implementation of Strategic Plan goals

**Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan in the
areas of service excellence, fiscal integrity, and organizational effectiveness.**

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

**Funds for the purchase of this 2003 Chevy Astro Van were donated by Los Angeles Chapter
5, Disabled American Veterans. There is no direct financing impact to the department
since operating costs will be borne by the Friends of Patriotic Hall.
The Honorable Board of Supervisors**

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County policy requires that donations over \$10,000 be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. The Friends of Patriotic Hall, the department's reportable foundation, solicited funds from the Los Angeles Chapter #5, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) to purchase a 2003 Chevy Astro Van, which was then donated to the department. The department staff assisted the Friends group in obtaining a vendor who sold the vehicle at the "dealers cost". The van has been registered with the state as a County vehicle, listed on the Department's property inventory and painted with County, Department and DAV donor identification markings.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Donation of this van increases the department's ability to provide service to veterans, outreach to the public, and support patriotic and civic events.

CONCLUSION

Attached for Supervisor Gloria Molina's consideration is a letter thanking the Los Angeles Chapter #5, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) which is the primary donor of the funds for the van. Instruct the Executive Office of the Board to send this letter to Eddie Russell, Commander, Los Angeles Chapter #5, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), 1816 South Figueroa Street, Room 904, Los Angeles, California 90015.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH N. SMITH
Director

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

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**Commander Eddie Russell
Los Angeles Chapter 5
Disabled American Veterans
1816 S. Figueroa Street, Suite 904
Los Angeles, CA 90015**

Dear Commander Russell:

This is to thank you and the Los Angeles Chapter 5 of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) for donating the funds to purchase a van for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA). Your donation to the Friends of Patriotic Hall for this purpose is most timely since both state and county government are struggling with major budgetary constraints.

The van, a 2003 Chevy Astro, has been purchased at cost from the dealer with your organization's generous donation. It is now registered as a County vehicle and the County seal, along with DMVA lettering, has been added to the doors. Additionally, to acknowledge Chapter 5's donation, DAV logos and lettering have been added to the van, on both sides, just below the back windows.

This van is currently being used to provide indigent veterans transportation to VA medical appointments; service visits to veterans confined to their homes or nursing homes; other veterans services and outreach to the homeless; and patriotic and civic events.

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On behalf of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Board of Supervisors, the County of Los Angeles, and most importantly, the veterans that will benefit from this donation I offer you my heartfelt thanks. We will do our best to maintain the van in good condition to ensure that it provides many years of service to the veteran community of Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,

Joseph N. Smith
Director

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